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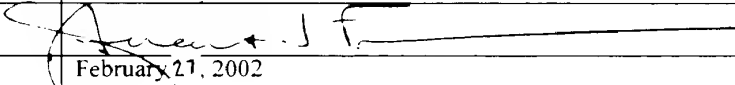
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For: TOOL FOR INJECTION MOLDING)
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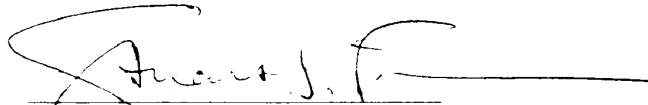
DE 299 17 164 discloses a tool for the injection molding of toothbrush bodies consisting of at least two different, consecutively injection molded plastic components, comprising a pair of mold parts that can be moved relative to each other and that together form groups of parallel mold cavities. One of the mold parts for each group of mold cavities has a recess into which a mold insert can be fitted and partial cavities are formed in the mold inserts, each corresponding to a head area of a toothbrush body. Two of four groups of mold cavities form a first group pair in which the first plastic component is injection molded and two more of the four groups of the mold cavities form a second group pair in which the second plastic component is injection molded. The mold cavities in each group pair are parallel to each other and to those of the other group pair. One group of each group pair of mold cavities is offset perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of the mold cavities with respect to the other group. The mold cavities of a group of each group pair have head ends that are oriented so as to face each other.

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